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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT INCREASES TO 414,200 IN APRIL

Overall Rhode Island employment increased by 2,200 in April, as a slight decrease in Manufacturing jobs was more than offset by gains in the Nonmanufacturing sector, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 414,200 in April. This represents a gain of 2,200 over the March level of 412,000 and is 6,700 more than the April 1984 total of 407,500.

MANUFACTURING

Total Manufacturing employment in Rhode Island decreased by 300 in April to 117,900. This figure was also 2,100 less than the April 1984 level of 120,000. In the Durable Goods category, the April employment total of 80,000 was down 300 from the March level and 2,100 from the figure recorded one year ago in April. The Nondurable Goods employment total of 37,900 remained unchanged from both the March figure and the level of April 1984.

Within the Durable Goods sector, the only monthly job increase (+100) occurred in Transportation Equipment. Employment declines of 100 each were reported in Primary Metals, Nonelectrical Machinery, Electrical Machinery and Jewelry/Silverware. The remaining Durable Goods industries were unchanged from their March employment levels.

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★ ★ ★ EMPLOYERS! ★ ★ ★
CAN YOU PROVIDE A JOB FOR A TEENAGER THIS SUMMER?

The 17th Annual Governor's Summer Jobs Council for youth 16 to 21 years of age is again being sponsored by the Department of Employment Security and the National Alliance of Business. The primary goal of the effort is to find temporary summer employment for students 16 – 21.

John S. Renza, Employment Security Director, urges all Rhode Island employers to list their 1985 summer job openings with the DES Job Bank as soon as possible. Call the Job Bank at 277-3588 or toll-free Enterprise 2265. Last year's campaign resulted in over 1,500 jobs for young people in the private sector alone.

DES recruits young applicants through schools, community action programs, minority organizations and all local offices of the Rhode Island Job Service. Students are encouraged to visit their local Job Service office for registration and placement.

Employers are reminded that tax credits amounting to 85% of the first $3,000 in wages paid to certain young people are again available in 1985. The young worker must be 16 – 17 years of age, economically disadvantaged and a first-time employee of the firm or business. You must hire the teen between May 1 and September 15.

Job orders for summer workers and for permanent additions to your workforce can be placed with the Job Bank or by calling the nearest office of the Rhode Island Job Service. A listing appears on Page 2 of this Bulletin.

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JOB SERVICE

RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

BRISTOL COUNTY, 470 Metacom Ave. 245-9300
EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway 277-3537
NEWPORT, 5 Harrison Avenue 847-2038
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St. 722-7500
PROVIDENCE, 130 West Exchange St.
Employer Services 277-3573
Jewelry 277-3553
Manufacturing & Construction 277-3556
Professional & Clerical 277-3584
Temporary Help 277-3559
NO. KINGSTOWN, 7734 Post Road 294-9923
NO. PROVIDENCE, 1951 Smith St. 231-5290
WAKEFIELD, Washington County Gov't. Center
Tower Hill Road 789-9721
WARWICK, 50 Airport Road. 737-7550
WESTERLY, 57 Spruce Street. 596-2814
WEST WARWICK, 1330 Main St.. 828-6134
WOONSOCKET, 217 Pond St.. 762-9010

OTHER JOB SERVICE TELEPHONE NUMBERS

JOB BANK 277-3588
or . . . . . Enterprise 2265
TJTC Information 277-3726
TJTC Job Orders. 277-3588
Call-A-Teen . . . . . .Call your local Job Service Office
Project STEADY. 277-6813

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Apr. 1985	Mar. 1985	Apr. 1984
Total Placements	1,369	1,126	1,349
New Applications	2,327	4,831	3,391
New Openings Rec'd.	2,824	2,784	2,956

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Apr. 1985	Mar. 1985	% Change Mar. 1985
Initial Claims	10,549	9,921	+ 6.3
No. of Payments	66,420	72,695	- 8.6
Amt. of Payments	$ 7,886,578	$ 8,742,309	- 9.8
Exhaustions	1,347	1,244	+ 8.3

FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION

Statistics for the Federal Supplemental Compensation Program, the cost of which is entirely Federally-financed, are presented below:

	Apr. 1985	Mar. 1985
Initial Claims	438	1,476
No. of Payments	7,464	7,769
Amount of Payments	$ 804,187	$ 829,378

RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Apr. 1985	Mar. 1985	Apr. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	491.2	490.1	485.3
Unemployment	26.4	28.3	25.8
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.4	5.8	5.3
Seas. Adjusted Rate	5.2	5.3	5.1

PROVIDENCE

Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployed Estimates
(In thousands)

	Mar. 1985	Feb. 1985	Mar. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	329.0	328.1	325.5
Unemployment	18.3	17.8	18.9
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.6	5.4	5.8

PAWTUCKET-WOONSOCKET-ATTLEBORO

Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Mar. 1985	Feb. 1985	Mar. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	136.5	136.6	136.8
Unemployment	9.7	9.5	10.6
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.1	7.0	7.7

NEWPORT Labor Area

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Mar. 1985	Feb. 1985	Mar. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	39,160	38,955	36,785
Unemployment	1,470	1,570	2,085
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.8	4.0	5.7

LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The following cities and towns have been classified as Labor Surplus Areas by the U.S. Department of Labor. These classifications are effective through September 30, 1985. Establishments located in the following Rhode Island towns are eligible for preference in receiving federal contracts.

Bristol

Central Falls

Coventry

East Providence

Johnston

New Shoreham

Pawtucket

Providence

Warren

West Warwick

Woonsocket

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Apr. 1985	Mar. 1985	Apr. 1984	Mar. 1985	Apr. 1984
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	414.2	412.0	407.5	+ 2,200	+ 6,700
MANUFACTURING	117.9	118.2	120.0	- 300	- 2,100
NONMANUFACTURING	296.3	293.8	287.5	+ 2,500	+ 8,800
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	12.5	11.3	12.2	+ 1,200	+ 300
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.5	13.4	13.3	+ 100	+ 200
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	88.7	88.4	85.3	+ 300	+ 3,400
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	23.8	23.9	22.3	- 100	+ 1,500
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	99.8	98.8	96.5	+ 1,000	+ 3,300
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	58.0	58.0	57.9	-	+ 100

1985 Figures are PRELIMINARY. 1984 Figures are REVISED. Estimates are for pay period which includes the 12th of the month.

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* Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.
** Labor Dispute

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION – WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Apr. 1985	Mar. 1985	Apr. 1984	Mar. 1985	Apr. 1984	Apr. 1985	Apr. 1984	Apr. 1985	Apr. 1984	Apr. 1985	Apr. 1984
ALL MANUFACTURING	117.9	118.2	120.0	- 300	- 2100	$311.08	$299.71	41.7	41.8	$ 7.46	$ 7.17
DURABLE GOODS	80.0	80.3	82.1	- 300	- 2100	309.50	302.40	41.6	42.0	7.44	7.20
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.7	2.7	2.9	0	- 200	312.42	294.40	41.0	40.0	7.62	7.36
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0	365.20	365.48	40.0	42.5	9.13	9.07
PRIMARY METALS	5.9*	6.0*	6.2	- 100	- 300	369.73	353.22	42.4	42.0	8.72	8.41
FABRICATED METALS	9.3	9.3	9.3	0	0	269.17	267.86	39.7	41.4	6.78	6.47
NONELECTRIC MACH.	6.0*	6.1*	6.3*	- 100	- 300	410.17	380.70	43.4	42.3	9.45	9.00
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	11.9	12.0	12.2	- 100	- 300	290.80	260.25	40.9	40.6	7.11	6.41
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	10.2	10.1	9.7	+100	+ 500	431.57	409.63	41.9	42.1	10.30	9.73
INSTRUMENTS	4.7	4.7	5.0	0	- 300	311.90	306.44	43.2	43.1	7.22	7.11
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	22.5	22.6	23.5	- 100	- 1000	241.47	220.00	39.2	38.8	6.16	5.67
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.0	5.0	5.2	0	- 200	226.38	224.60	34.3	34.5	6.60	6.51
NONDURABLE GOODS	37.9	37.9	37.9	0	0	301.10	290.05	40.8	41.2	7.38	7.04
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.2	3.2	3.0	0	+ 200	241.04	250.63	36.8	40.1	6.55	6.25
TEXTILES	11.0	11.1	11.3	- 100	- 300	314.08	306.49	41.6	42.1	7.55	7.28
APPAREL	3.3	3.3	3.6	0	- 300	240.66	239.00	38.2	39.9	6.30	5.99
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.7	2.7	2.5	0	+ 200	273.64	274.30	40.6	42.2	6.74	6.50
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.0	6.0	5.9	0	+ 100	403.97	378.96	38.4	36.9	10.52	10.27
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.1	3.0	3.1	+100	0	396.15	384.61	40.3	40.4	9.83	9.52
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.4	1.4	1.3	0	+ 100	319.50	303.48	42.6	40.9	7.50	7.42
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	4.9	4.9	4.9	0	0	303.02	302.06	38.7	40.6	7.83	7.44
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0	215.95	204.93	40.9	40.5	5.28	5.06

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WHENEVER YOU NEED WORKERS CONTACT RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE

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On an annual basis, the only employment increase was posted in Transportation Equipment (+500). The largest job decline was recorded in Jewelry/Silverware (-1,000) followed by Primary Metals, Nonelectrical Machinery, Electrical Machinery and Instruments (-300 each). Lumber/Furniture and Miscellaneous Manufacturing each decreased by 200 while Stone-Clay-Glass and Fabricated Metals were unchanged from April 1984.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, Chemical Products reported a monthly job gain of 100 while Textiles posted a monthly decrease of 100. Employment levels in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries showed no change from last month. Compared to April 1984, employment increases were registered in Food/Beverage and Paper Products (+200 each) and Printing/Publishing and Rubber Products (+100 each). Annual job declines of 300 each occurred in Textiles and Apparel. Employment in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries was unchanged from a year ago.

NONMANUFACTURING

Overall employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing industries rose by 2,500 from March to April, primarily due to seasonal payroll expansion in Construction, Services and Trade. The current level of 296,300 also represents an increase of 8,800 jobs over the April 1984 total of 287,500.

The largest monthly increase in the Nonmanufacturing sector was the addition of 1,200 jobs in the Contract Construction industry. At 12,500, this segment was also up 300 from last April. As the result of a monthly job gain of 1,000, Service employment rose to 99,800, which was 3,300 higher than April 1984. Employment in Wholesale and Retail Trade increased by 300 for the month to a level of 88,700, which was 3,400 above the year ago total. Transportation and Public Utilities, at 13,500, registered a monthly job gain of 100 and an annual increase of 200. Total Government employment, at 58,000, remained unchanged from March but was up 100 over April 1984. Finance, Insurance and Real Estate decreased by 100 from March, but the April payroll level represents an annual gain of 1,500.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers rose 5 cents in April to $7.46. This represents a 29 cent per hour gain compared to one year ago. The average work week increased by 0.3 of an hour in April to 41.7 hours, but this was 0.1 of an hour less than the April 1984 work week. Average weekly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers in April amounted to $311.08, which was $4.31 higher than last month and $11.37 more than in April of last year.

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